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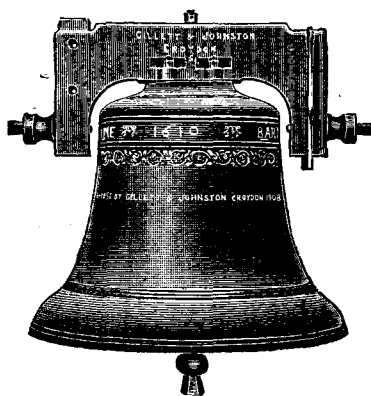
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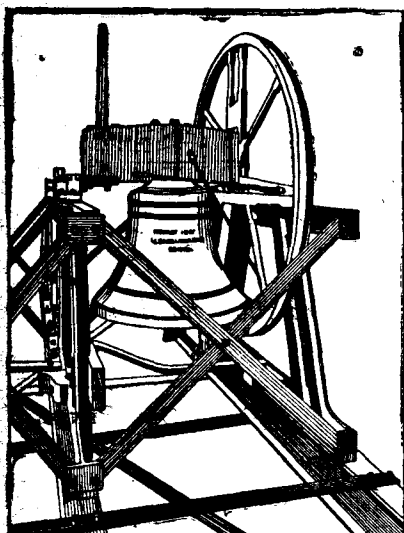
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUTUMN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1908.

ON the far north-east coast of the county of York lies the town of Saltburn, sweet and redolent of the sea.

The old fishing-village nestles close down to the wave-washed shore—the reader should keep his mind entirely free from any ideas of smuggling—and some half-century ago the five or six cottages that sheltered the inhabitants were celebrated for the teas they offered to visitors from afar. This local reputation centred itself round certain “fat rascals” which were served hot. These were toothsome delicacies and had absolutely nothing to do with cannibalism directed towards the officers of Inland Revenue—this for the credit of the inhabitants in those early times. They appear to have been a sort of rich “fatty-cake,” in the centre of which were congregated solid masses of currants, and, as might naturally be expected, they had many admirers. To this day in another county they are known as “singing hinnies”—musical because they were taken piping hot off the fire, and doubtless also because of vocal sounds which would proceed from any who were injudicious in their haste to test their reputation, forgetful of their heat-retaining qualities.

But it is quite a different music that has brought us to Cleveland to-day, not “singing hinnies,” nor the songs of the sea, nor the roar of the cliff-storming breakers that know so well how to give voice in a fierce “nor-easter.” No! we are in a different mood, more peaceful, and more ready to listen to that harmony, however wafted to us, so well expressed in the poet's verse:—

Comes at length a voice of many waters,
As when the waves break lightly on the shore;
As when at dawn the feathered choir rejoices,
Singing aloud because the night is o'er.

The “night” in our case must have been the railway journey, especially the portion blast-furnace-studded on the banks of the Tees, for it was a distinct relief to find ourselves leisurely sauntering along listening to the music of the finest bells in Cleveland.

We cannot but admire those who foresaw the future watering-place, and wisely laid out the modern town on the cliffs overlooking beauteous miles of sea. Such is the situation of the health resort where we find ourselves “singing aloud because the night is o'er.”

We are gazing on the outline of a magnificent headland, daring the sea at its foot to do its worst, whose top rises as a sheer precipice to a height of 360 feet. Indeed so grandly do these heights, running south, hold their own, that at the stupendous cliff of Boulby 660 feet above sea level, is reached, and this is stated by the late Professor Phillips, in his “Sea Coast of Yorkshire,” to be “the loftiest of all the precipices that guard the English coast.”

The Saltburn bells are tuned on the late Canon Simpson's lines, and very grandly do they roll out their notes. The tenor, some 23 cwt., is in the key of D., or D sharp, but they give the impression of a deeper note, so deep in fact that they sound as if they would carry the trebles of a peal of ten.

It is a far cry from Saltburn, in the north, to Exeter, in

the south, but our thoughts easily bridge it, and as we mentally stand listening to that stupendous ring of ten—tenor 72 cwt.—yes! 10 cwt. heavier than that of St. Paul's cathedral—we remember the whole air in the cathedral yard resounded with the notes of the “common cord” of the keynote of the peal, and how the grand tenor “Grandison” gave voice in all this hum. Then came a short silence, and this great southern peal poured out its music as a ring of eight in a minor key. But where has the new tenor picked up its mournful wail? Our knowledge of the subject makes us know that the tenor and treble of the ten are no longer sounding, and that a flat 4th of the original ten has taken the place of the old 4th; but where has the new tenor picked up the tone of tribulation and woe in which it pours forth its complaint? It had no such wail before. Indeed, if it had possessed anything approaching it the peal of ten in the major would have been spoilt. The answer is more simple than understandable; simply from the all-powerful and sympathetic tones of the common cord of the peal now speaking in the minor; and not merely in the bell itself, which in the major key—when it was merely the unsympathetic 9th—was a well-behaved and unassuming bell.

Remembering all this, and bringing our minds back to the north, we listen to the common cord in the combined roll of the tenor, the 6th, 4th, and treble, and we pronounce the roll from this 23 cwt. tenor not only to be excellent, but positively astounding, so great and so far-reaching is the effect of this modern tuning.

Canon Simpson being dead yet speaketh: “But I beg very earnestly to repeat here what I have said elsewhere that any general advance in this respect (tuning in the three octaves in which a bell speaks) must depend very largely on the demand made by the musical public (and especially by incumbents and churchwardens) for greater perfection in the bells supplied to them.”

In this connection it is interesting to know that Canon Simpson's pamphlet was known in the north before the order for the bells was given. The handsome gift to the church at Saltburn was made by A. J. Dorman, esq., in memory of a younger brother, and it is one of which the Vicar and inhabitants of Saltburn have good reason to be proud.

During the afternoon the official committee met in the parochial hall for the transaction of general business, and here the genial Vicar took the opportunity of putting in an appearance in order to learn that all was being carried through to their liking. Meanwhile those free from official cares were of course busy with the bells.

Tea was served to more than seventy members, who were indebted to the local committee for some excellent arrangements, the hall, the tea-room, and the railway-station being all within a stone's throw. The company was thoroughly representative, as the following list will show, members being present from Sheffield, Rotherham, Leeds, Goole, Pontefract, Selby, Headingley (Leeds), Holbeck (Leeds), Pudsey, Tong, Shipley, Keighley, Bradford, Gargrave, York Minster, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, etc.

The general business meeting was held in the parochial

hall, with the President in the chair, supported by the principal officers, both Vice-presidents being also in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting (Almondbury), having been read and passed, the President proceeded to make a statement about the Selby Abbey Bell Fund. The Hon. Treasurer of the fund had sent a telegram—the distance, and difficulty of reaching home again that night preventing him from being present—stating that the amount standing in the columns of that week's "BELL NEWS" was all he had had sent in to that date. The number who had announced their amounts, said the President, was so small that it was quite impossible to forecast any result, as the sum, £14, satisfactory as it was for the number who had sent, was quite unworthy of being announced as a combined effort. The desirability of Local Hon. Secretaries communicating their results to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was greatly emphasised.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee. Mr. H. Lindsay (Headingley), and Mr. Percy Johnson (Holbeck, Leeds), were elected auditors and returning officers for the Annual Meeting on the motion of Messrs. Cryer and Hall, of Selby.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. B. Irvin, M.A., for his kindness in lending his bells and the Parochial hall, the President remarking that he had been obliged by other engagements to leave them after attending the gathering at the tea-tables.

A similar vote was then passed to the Saltburn band and their friends, for their excellent arrangements for the gathering; with special thanks to Mr. J. H. Blakiston, the talented conductor of the Middlesbrough company, for his valued services as Local Hon. Sec. for the meeting. Mr. Blakiston who had been here and there and everywhere looking after the visitors' welfare, was unfortunately absent at the moment, so he was unable to receive in person the thanks to which he was so justly entitled. A vote of thanks to the chair brought the official proceedings to a close, the chairman remarking that he had endeavoured to make the meeting short, so that all could enjoy the maximum of the Saltburn air, and this was the more allowable as their Committee often sat three hours at a stretch at headquarters.

After listening to some excellent striking of methods such as Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich, Bristol and London Surprise, a goodly number of those not busy in the tower returned to the Parochial hall to hear the President dissertate on "The mathematical side of Grandsire Triples viewed geometrically": on the plan evolved by W. H. Thompson, Esq., M.A., a former scholar of Caius College, Cambridge.

In reply to a closing vote of thanks the President said that, if this attempt of the Yorkshire Committee to supply supply scientific matter for discussion at their meetings proved the beginning of a new departure, he would be very proud of the Association who had always endeavoured to point the way, both as to the Art itself, and the Science underlying it.

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That part of Worcestershire, sometimes called "The Garden of England," and rightly too, for it contains some of the finest land in the country, and some of the most productive, was on Saturday, September 26th, visited by about forty members of this Association, the occasion being the quarterly meeting at Badsey, a village some three miles from Evesham. Now that we hear so much of the Small Holdings Act, and the cry of "back to the land," it is instructive to visit such places as Evesham and district, where the land is especially suitable for small holdings, and one must remember that all land is by no means suitable, and hear the opinion of those who have land requiring so much less horse labour than is generally the case. And although some have done exceedingly well, still one is forced to the opinion that the lot of the small holder, and especially in the case of he who starts without capital, is by no means a bed of roses.

The service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Allsebrook), was held in the church at 4.15, and then on the invitation of the Vicar, those present made their way to the vicarage to partake of tea kindly provided by him.

During the business meeting afterwards, with the Vicar in the chair, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldbury. Mr. F. Cook was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Badsey. Messrs. W. G. Jones and G. Checketts were then appointed auditors, and four new members were elected. An application having been received from the Dodderhill company for an instructor, Mr. G. Checketts was asked to undertake it. The loan of a set of the Association's handbells to the Badsey company, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar, brought the meeting to a close, those present being treated to a course of Double Norwich on the dulcimer by Mr. H. Withers before departing, some to the station, and some to the tower, where touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch took place at Caistor on Saturday, September 26th. A good number of members turned up from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Scanthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber, Brigg, and the local men.

At 4 o'clock a short service was held in the church, the Rector (Rev. W. T. Westbrooke) giving a most excellent address. Following the service a tea was held at The White Hart hotel, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. F. Linley (Gainsborough), Mr. Ainger (Caistor), and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Nine new members were elected, including the Revs. C. Godfrey, A. R. Macdougall, and Messrs. Taylor (2), bringing the membership of the branch up to 412.

Mr. F. F. Linley, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. T. W. Westbrooke for the use of the bells and for the service, spoke of the great interest he took in bells and ringers generally.

The Rev. F. T. Westbrooke, in responding, thanked Mr. Linley for the kind remarks he had made, and would at all times be pleased to welcome any ringers to Caistor.

Votes of thanks to the organist and choir for their services that day were passed.

During the afternoon the bells were kept going, several 720s of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob being rung.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the central division of the above was held at Rusper on Saturday, September 19th, but was rather poorly attended by Sussex ringers, owing no doubt to it being rather an out of the way place, but thanks to Horley and Burstow towers, which are affiliated to the above Association, though situated in Surrey, and Messrs. Hoad, Ewins and Dewey, of Reigate, a very good meeting was held. Touches of Bob Major were rung till 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of at The Star inn, about twenty members from the following towers being present: Crawley, Burstow, Horley, Lindfield, East Grinstead, Rusper and Southover. Tea over, the usual business meeting was held, the chair being taken by E. Dewey, Esq., of Reigate, in the absence of the Rector, who could not attend. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, Mr. T. Spring (Chailey), and Mr. H. Castle (East Grinstead), were elected members.

Crawley was then chosen as the next place to attempt the next quarterly peal, the method to be Bob Major or Treble Bob, and Mr. K. Hart to conduct it.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close. A move was again made to the tower, and touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, kept up till 8 o'clock.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes, showing time on two large dials, has just been erected on the parish church by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The clock is fitted with all the latest improvements, and has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

This old village lies in one of the lovely valleys of which Cheshire contains so many. It is about four-and-a-half miles from Crewe. In it is an old historical church dating from about the fifteenth century. The tower contained a ring of six bells, tenor about 12½ cwt., which were much admired for their fine tone. About six months ago small pieces of mortar commenced to fall while the ringers were ringing, and on this being reported to the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A., he at once communicated with Messrs. Taylor, who came down and made a thorough examination of the bells and their fittings. The result was that the Rector was advised not to allow any more ringing until the bells had been thoroughly overhauled. The Rector at once set to work to find the necessary funds to put the bells in proper ringing order once more, and in a very short time sufficient money was collected to enable him to give the order to Messrs. Taylor to proceed with the restoration, which was to be completed by the 25th of September, in time for the harvest festival to be held on that date. Punctually to time the bells arrived back from Loughborough, now a peal of eight, two trebles

having been added, and the tenor recast, owing to a slight crack having been found in the old bell.

The work of erecting the new frame and bells, which stand upon four massive steel girders, quite independent of the old floor, which now has only to carry its own weight, has given every satisfaction both to the Rector, the ringers, and every one who has inspected the work, and Barthomley now possesses one of the finest rings in Cheshire. The Rector having expressed a wish that the bells should be opened with a 5040, eight members of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild were asked to attempt this. On Thursday evening most of the ringers invited to take part in the peal, together with the local company, attended to try the bells, and give Messrs. Taylor's representative an opportunity to see that everything was right for the morrow. The dedication of the new bells, at the wish of the parishioners, was done by the Rector, after which rounds and short touches were rung for about an hour, everyone being loud in their praises at the splendid way in which the bells worked.

On Friday afternoon, September 25th, at 3.40, a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal, which was successfully brought round at 6.42 (particulars of which will be found in another column). After slight refreshments a short touch was rung for service, C. J. B. Cooke, Esq., ringing the 6th. The church was profusely decorated by the parishioners, the most noticeable features being models of two rings of eight bells with clappers complete, made of straw, the one being hung over the font, and the other at the east end near the chancel arch. On Saturday the eight ringers who rang the peal, the local company, together with the churchwarden and sidesmen, organist and choirmaster were entertained to dinner by the Rector. At 4.30 the bells were raised, and touches rung with several of the local company standing in until 6.30, when an adjournment was made to The White Lion. Here the Rector was waiting to receive his guests, and soon all were partaking of an excellent repast, and for the next hour nothing but the clatter of knives and forks was heard. The Rector having said grace, he enquired of the vice-chairman if he could be allowed to smoke. Permission having been granted, cigarettes and pipes quickly made their appearance, and fumes of tobacco began to float about the room. The tables having been cleared the toast of "The King and Queen and members of the Royal Family" was proposed by the chairman and duly honoured by singing a verse of the National Anthem. Songs were contributed by Mr. Churchwarden Kent, Mr. Langford (Crewe), and others. The chairman having announced that he should have to leave, Mr. Kent proposed "The health of the Rector." He said he had known him for nearly thirty years, and could say nothing of him but what was good. He had worked hard to get the money for those splendid bells that they had been listening to that day. He always admired the old ring of

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six, but he must admit that they had been greatly improved by the addition of the trebles and the alterations in the tower, which reflected great credit on Messrs. Taylor.

Mr. J. S. Bentley (churchwarden) seconded, and spoke of the goodness of the Rector. He was a friend to those in trouble; he could rejoice with those who rejoiced, and he hoped he would live many years to be Rector of Barthomley, as he would be very much missed in that parish, where he had the respect of all who knew him.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, the Rector said that he did not know how to reply to such kind words as had been spoken. He was deeply grateful for the kind way they had received the toast. He tried to do his best for every one, and when a Rector had such officers as he had about him, the task was not a hard one. It was a secret at present, but he did not mind telling them, that although he had not the account for the restoration of the peal, he believed that there would be a nice balance over and above all demands.

Mr. Langford asked the Rector about a peal-board for the peal rung the day before. The Rector replied that he had not thought about it, but now that it was mentioned, he would only be too pleased to put up a suitable board to commemorate the peal, and also the alterations in the tower at his own expense, as he thought the idea was a good one. After wishing the company good-night, he left us. Mr. Dudley Parsons then kindly took the chair, and songs and speeches were made until 10 p.m., and after singing a verse of the National Anthem the company dispersed, all being well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

On Sunday the Harvest Festival was continued, the ringing arrangements being entrusted to the local company for the morning service. For the afternoon service the Alsager ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. G. Edwards, A. Edwards, T. Cartwright, J. Edwards, G. Cartwright, T. Edwards, W. Cartwright conductor, J. Baxter. For evening service the Lawton ringers were invited to take charge of the ringing, and several good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, this bringing to a close the opening ringing of the new bells.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

TO MR. SYMONDS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Symonds' letter in your last issue, I wish I could give him satisfactory information. Mr. Spanton's pamphlet was published by "The Church Newspaper Company, Limited," whose undertaking is now, I understand, absorbed by "The Guardian" newspaper, and on inquiry at the office of the latter, I learn that the pamphlet in question is now out of print. Had I known this earlier I should not have troubled you with any remarks about it. But I will lend Mr. Symonds my copy if he cares to write to me for it. R. A. DANIELL.
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Bob Triples...	1	
Stedman Triples ...	70	1
Stedman Caters ...	73	
Stedman Cinques ...	20	
Bob Minor ...	1	
Bob Major ...	23	1
Bob Royal ...	6	
Treble Bob Major (Oxford) ...	1	
Treble Bob Major (Kent)...	30	
Treble Bob Royal (Kent) ...	18	
Treble Bob Maximus (Kent) ...	5	
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	15	
Forward Royal ...	1	
Forward Maximus...	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	1	
London Surprise Major ...	3	
Bristol Surprise Major ...	1	
Superlative Surprise Major ...	35	
	400	17

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These observations on the circumstance of a 400-peal-record are not intended to give it a prominence greater than it deserves. Some of us are prone to look upon the completion of every hundredth peal as the close of an epoch, or landmark, worthy of more than passing notice or actual record. The friends of James George—and he has many—are desirous that his hundredth peals should be so dealt with. They would have his photograph appear at the performance of each century—as the cricketers term it—of peals, but he is too well-known for this. Besides, as he is journeying on in life, ringing here, there, and everywhere, his facial lineaments change with years, and to fulfil this desire for a photograph, continuous, as it were, would not be expedient.

Allusion has been made to the fact that James George is well-known to many all over the country. His ubiquity is patent. The position he holds upon the London and North Western Railway is the cause mainly of this. The extensive ramifications of this great company compel him to be nearly always on some journey or other, and it may be conceded that no other ringer living is such a traveller as he. Wherever he goes all acknowledge his good nature and even temperament. This is all that need be said concerning the ubiquitous, irrepressible, James George, and his four hundred peals. He is going on his way rejoicing in the prospect of ringing another one hundred, and those who are acquainted with him will hope he will soon succeed. P.

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Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

YORK.—On August 30th, at 16, Millfield Road, on handbells, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. L. Woodcock, 1-2; A. C. Fearnley, 3-4; T. F. Earnshaw, 5-6; T. Haigh, conductor, 7-8. Composed by C. Jackson.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, August 4th, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr, 15 mins. S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Dent, W. Fayers, R. J. Poulson, F. G. Symonds, T. Pryke, F. Pryke, A. Symonds. Composed by J. Barrow.

Miscellaneous.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

UPPER DEAL.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Barton conductor, H. Denne, A. L. Poole, A. B. Court, R. H. Howland, J. B. Lovell. Messrs. Poole and Lovell were camping at Walmer with the Territorial Army, and belong to Bromley and Beckenham respectively, it being their first 720 on six bells.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. F. Bacon, F. W. Richardson conductor, J. Law, H. E. White, A. Bennington, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries, C. Letzer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHOLSEY (Berks).—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. W. Kimber, R. Finch, A. Finch, G. Higgs, G. Cauldwell conductor, A. Strange.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Tuesday, August 11th, at Holy Trinity church, 816 Stedman Triples. J. Highfield, T. Stockdale, C. Jackson composer and conductor, A. Naylor, D. W. Brown, H. Rodmell, L. Redmell, J. Hobbs. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mayor C. Judge, J.P., churchwarden. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Jackson, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, A. C. West, J. Hodds, T. Whitfield, A. Naylor, L. Rodmell.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On Wednesday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor came to grief in the sixth 720 after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins. H. Robinson, W. A. Norman, F. Skevington, F. Sawfoot, H. W. Gayton conductor, H. Cockings. On Saturday, August 8th, two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 120 Oxford Bob. V. Inskipp, W. A. Norman, J. W. Barker, F. Sawfoot, H. W. Gayton, H. Cockings.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SKETTY.—On Monday, August 3rd, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. B. Devonald, D. Rees, W. Williams, W. Evans, J. Stedman, C. Morse conductor, W. Green, E. Thomas.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Tuesday, August 4th, an attempt for 5024 Bob Major, on handbells, was lost through a shift just before the end, in 2 hrs. 18 mins. C. E. Borrett, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollope composer and conductor, 7-8. This same band in 1894 rang 11,200, the longest to date, on handbells, but have not had any opportunity of ringing together for years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On Tuesday, August 11th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Humberstone, T. H. Hardy, W. Brewin, A. Briers, W. H.

Humberstone, A. E. Stanyork, E. Morris conductor, A. White first quarter-peal.

THE LINCON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRIESTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Clayton, A. O. Barber, A. West, G. Elington conductor, A. Sharp, J. Sharp.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Friday, July 4th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Massey, H. Hill, A. Greenfield conductor, H. Hubble, H. Garratt, A. Prestidge. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman G. H. Dunn, J.P. The fine alabaster pulpit which now stands in the parish church was the gift of the late Alderman and Mrs. Dunn, in remembrance of their two deceased sons.

BEESTON.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Clifford, jun., F. S. Price, A. Roberts, W. Peabody, J. Ward, sen., A. Lowe, A. Coppock conductor, J. Paling.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 48 mins. H. Kirk, B. Knights conductor, G. Hollis, W. J. Thyng, W. Peabody, S. Price, G. Thompson, A. Knights composer, A. Coppock, N. Dickens.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davies conductor, F. Palmer, J. Hickman, W. Pugh, H. Martin. 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davis, F. Palmer, H. Martin, W. Pugh conductor, R. Edge. On Tuesday, August 4th, on the occasion of the annual show of the Cookley and Wolverley Horticultural Show at Lea Castle, Wolverley, 486 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davis conductor, F. Palmer, J. Hickman, H. Martin, R. Edge.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's (R.C.) for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. Gummer conductor, A. N. Hardy, F. Hairs, E. J. Webb, W. G. Matthews, G. H. Sentance, J. W. Chapman, A. Fluck first quarter-peal.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, August 19th, for practice, 1024 Superlative Surprise. A. V. Inns, C. W. Bird, A. E. Payne, E. Chapman, R. F. Turner, F. W. Sawfoot, D. L. Nichols, M. A. Turner conductor.

MANCHESTER.—On Saturday, August 1st, at the Town Hall, 488 Grandsire Triples, 9-8-10 covering. W. Cartwright, T. Braddock, W. Billinge, A. P. Smith, R. Newton conductor, H. Pye, E. Potts, H. Lowe, H. Bess, G. Barlow. Tenor 52 cwt.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Nunn, E. Webb, F. Hurry, E. H. King, P. Webb, S. Stubbings conductor, F. Matthews, W. Tykes. Another 360, standing as above, conducted by P. Webb. On Tuesday evening, August 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the tenors covering. E. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. Lyles, B. Freestone, R. Wilson. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells by all Sawston ringers.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. R. Glasscock, S. Wade, G. Bester, J. Armstrong conductor. W. Pickworth, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, H. Armstrong.

SEDGLEY.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Ray, F. Evans, E. Screen, T. Watton, H. Jeavous, J. Screen conductor, W. Mills, R. Speakman.

TUNSTALL.—At Christ Church, on July 20th, for practice, 1728 Double Norwich Major. F. Smith, G. A. Smith conductor, J. Darlington, H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. A. Clay, J. Godber, W. Thompson.

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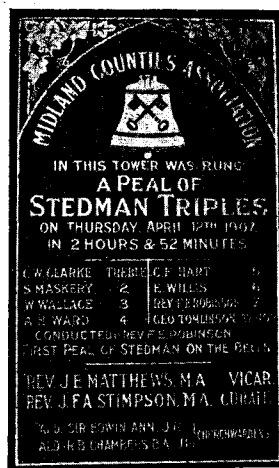
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1908.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Dibden on Saturday, September 19th. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Mr. G. Williams presided at the tea, which by the kind permission of the Rector was held in the schoolroom. Mr. Williams apologised for the absence of the chairman of the District (Rev. Canon Braithwaite), and the hon. secretary, and reminded members that the annual meeting of the district would be held at Southampton on the second Saturday in November. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the chairman.

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REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.
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On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 2.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	ERNEST BRETT 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM C. HEDGES* .. 5.	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble.	HENRY J. MAYNARD 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS 2.	*JOHN H. BRNSTEAD 7.
JOHN H. WILKINS 3.	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. 8.
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. 4.	ERNEST S. POLL 9.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 5.	*PHILIP A. COARD Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. T. King, Esq., Hon Secretary to the above Association, and Robert Maynard, sen.

The Provinces.**ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

STEPHEN KNOWLES* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN 2.	CHARLES BEAMAN 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

*First peal.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY WALTER Treble.	HARRY BARTON 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
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EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. TRENDLELL.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.**

FRANK SMALL* Treble.	*JAMES ORME 5.
WILLIAM FARRAL* 2.	EDWIN BREEZE 6.
ROBERT PEARL* 3.	JORN DYSON 7.
FRANK JONES 4.	†JOHN HASLAM Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. First peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lever, Esq., M.P., the donor of the bells.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

A. BARKER* Treble.	*J. H. HOLE 4.
W. HOYLE 2.	C. GREEDY 5.
C. SUMMERS 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. This is H. Moore's sixtieth peal.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

CECIL J. BAKER Treble.	*ARTHUR FREEMAN 4.
RICHARD DRAGE* 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band, and first peal in seven methods on the bells and in the Nottingham District by the above Association.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.**

I. SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	C. MARSLAND 5.
A. FIELDING 2.	*H. HAMPSON 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	L. HAMPSON 7.
J. J. PEMBERTON 4.	I. SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

*First peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GILBERT GOSWELL .. Treble.	JOHN W. LAKE 4.
CHARLES NEAVERTON .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 5.
GEORGE H. SENTENCE .. 3.	JAMES OSBORNE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES OSBORNE.

First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR GRAVETT Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5.
WILLIAM PALMER 2.	WILLIAM C. HART 6.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 8.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 10.
ALF PADDON SMITH 5.	JAMES GEORGE 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 6.	ALBERT WALKER Tenor.

Composed by HARVEY REEVES, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a welcome home peal to T. Russam, who has just returned from Canada. The conductor has now rang and conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques on each of the twelve bells in St Martin's tower, and is believed to be a record for any twelve-bell tower.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

F. S. WHITE Treble.	*A. R. BOSLEY 6.
R. G. RICE 2.	A. LAMBOURNE 7.
H. HOLIFIELD 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
C. WHITE 4.	R. WHITE 9.
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.	W. J. TUBE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

*First peal of Caters.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR SULLY Treble.	GEORGE STACEY 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	FREDERICK PALMER 6.
BENJAMIN COPPING 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
HARRY BOTTRILL 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

First peal by all except 2, 4, 6. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. James Dudley Elwell, second son of the late Rev. Henry Elwell, who was inducted to the above benefice the previous Monday.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	†WILLIAM FOX 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN† .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST 6.
GEORGE A. HASLAM* .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡Fiftieth peal.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD .. Treble	FRANK BARRETT 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	WILLIAM HUTTON 6.
RICHARD G. RICE 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

First peal as conductor.

SELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

LOUIS J. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	FREDK. NEVITT 5.
GEORGE HITCHMAN 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Arranged for L. J. Griffiths, of Talgath, who was elected a member before starting.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JAMES EDWARDS Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT 2.	*ARTHUR ALKMAN 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 4.	FREDERICK G. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*Belongs to the local company. Further reference elsewhere.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART No. II.

WALTER HOWLETT* .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
HENRY C. CHANDLER 3.	GEORGE SPENCER* 7.
CHARLES DELL 4.	HENRY SEWARD Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGBEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 6.
DANIEL JONES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN PERRY 4.	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

The ringers of the treble and 6th, for whom the peal was arranged, were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT WOOD Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS* .. 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Oxhey, Herts. The rest are the local company.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. MILLER, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
FRED E. PARSONS 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with all the 8-6s, and is the first peal ever obtained with these qualities.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John W. Whiting, Hon. Secretary of the Portsmouth District, who received the usual congratulations afterwards. This was W. T. Tucker's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rang in the diocese of Norwich, and was rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Robert Stephen Cook. Further reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER* .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	*ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON* .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First handbell peal of Caters. Umpires—W. Coates and W. Warburton.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 1-2.	ALBERT NASH 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	WALTER COATES 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire—W. Warburton.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. KEEBLE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal on handbells. Umpire—A. V. Moore.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 6th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The sixth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at The Talbot restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price 6d. reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. Matthews, Winney, Daniell, Ellis, Smith, Neale, Bevan, Iles, Perrin, Davis, Scambler, Turner, Simons, and Hairs. During the afternoon several towers will be open for ringing peals and touches, announcement of which will be made later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Royal Cumberland Youths—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 3rd, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Nag's Head at 5.30, 8d. each to those who let me know by Thursday, October 1st. St. Saviour's tower will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. A social will be held afterwards. F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmschore Road, Helmschore.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, to-day, Saturday, October 3. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea in parish room at 6, 1s. per head. Reports will be ready. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone-super-Ely to-day, Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Turvey to-day, Saturday, October 3rd.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Andrew's church Eastbank Street, Southport, to-day, Sat., October 3rd. Full particulars by circular. REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Sec.*
W. BENTHAM.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swanage to-day, October 3rd. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 4.15. address by Diocesan Secretary—Rev. W. P. Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth. Tea at 5, in the schoolroom, followed by General Meeting.

C. A. PHILLIPS, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Burslem, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. A committee meeting will be held at 4.30 in the schools.

REV. W. G. KEGWORTH, *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, the 10th October next.

3 p.m. Members assemble at the church for ringing.

5 p.m. Short service and sermon by the Vicar.

6 p.m. Tea in the parish room, followed by the meeting.

Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to give intimation to that effect to the Hon. Secretary by the 5th October at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, October 10th. Tea at 5.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The autumn meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at the parish church will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mr. Bance's at 6 o'clock, and the usual business meeting to follow. CHAS DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th, when half fares up to 1s. will be paid. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the Institute Hall at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will the Secretaries of towers kindly advise me as early as possible, the number attending tea. A. F. ASHMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Angel, Sunn Street, at 5.30. J. J. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Northern Division.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, Kiveton Park Station, on Saturday, October 10th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. S. Smith, Anston, Sheffield, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea (free) to all those who send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, October 7th, at 6 o'clock, to be followed by the usual business meeting, at both of which the Rector, the Rev. E. B. Th. Morgan, will preside. An allowance of 1s. per mile (maximum 2s.) for one way will be allowed to members present at the tea.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tennerden.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT FAREHAM, HANTS.—W. T. Tucker's 50 Peals.—Doubles 1, conducted 1; One Minor method 5, conducted 3; Three ditto 1, conducted 1; Seven ditto 4; Grandshire Triples 10; Stedman Triples 11; Bob Major 3; Kent Major 12; Double Norwich 3. Total—50; conducted 5.

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SHALFORD (Surrey).—For the induction service of the Rev. E. A. Ferguson on the evening of September 2nd, 360 Bob Minor. T. Bond, E. Lucas, J. Streeter, J. Goacher, A. Pulling, W. Trewin (conductor). After the service 720 Oxford Bob. T. Bond, G. Elston, E. Lucas, J. Goacher, A. Pulling, W. Trewin (conductor).

Obituary.

STEWART BING.

The Canterbury Cathedral company have suffered a sad loss by the death, at the early age of 27, of Stewart Bing, an honorary member of their band, which happened on Wednesday, September 23rd, at Waltham, a village about seven miles from the cathedral city. He had been a ringer only two years or so, and learned to handle a bell so quickly that he was able to ring the cathedral tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters on boxing-day, 1906, a performance which he repeated the following month, and again boxing-day last year. He rung two peals of Stedman Triples (inside) at St. Stephen's, and one at St. John's, Margate; and in January of this year he rang the 5th in a peal of Stedman Caters at the cathedral. Altogether he

took part in seven peals of Stedman, four of Caters and three of Triples, rather an unusual record for a young ringer. Early this year he was taken with hemorrhage from the lungs, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 26th, at Waltham. Among the wreaths was one from his brother-ringers of the Cathedral, E. G. Buesden attending to represent the company. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples on the evening of the funeral came to grief after over two hours' good ringing, owing to the clapper of the 6th bell falling out.

ROBERT STEPHEN COOK.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence on Tuesday, September 22nd. As a last mark of respect the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, assembled and

rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the bells half muffled, concluding with the usual whole pull and stand. The deceased was for nearly thirty years employed at the Orwell Works, Ipswich, twelve years of which he was engaged as storekeeper. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 26th. The hearse was preceded by a good number of his fellow-workmen, and after the interment ten of his brother-ringers met at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower and rang with the bells half muffled a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. By his death the St. Mary-le-Tower Society has lost a very genial member. R.I.P.

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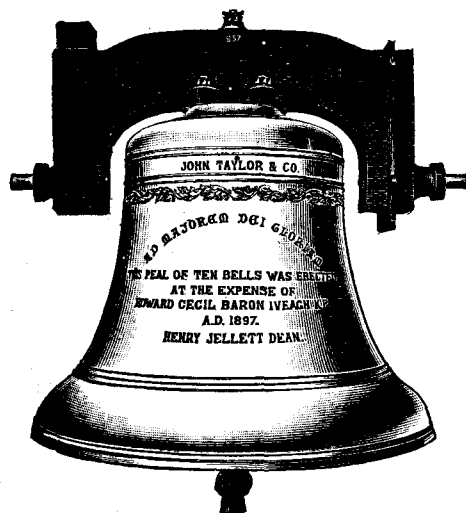
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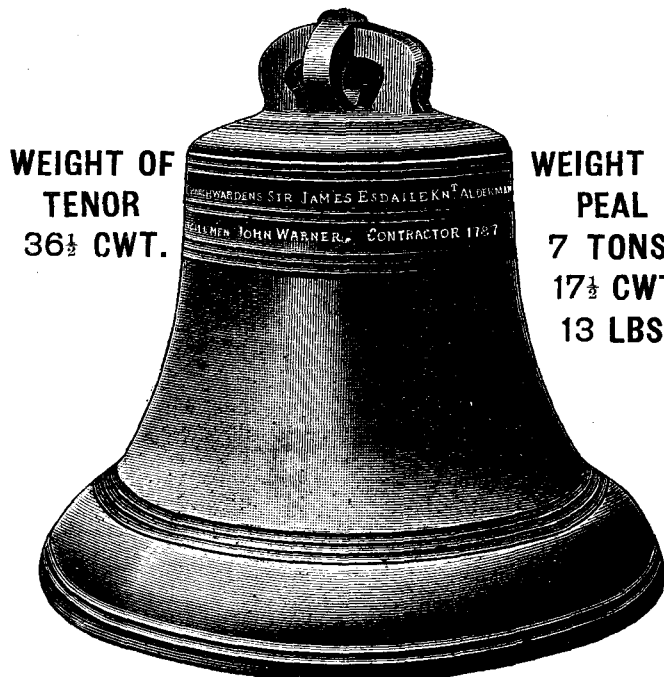
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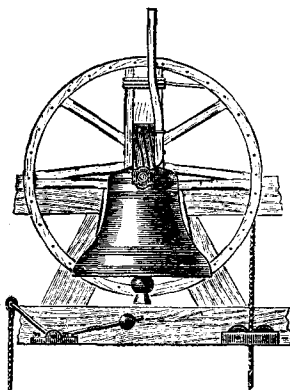
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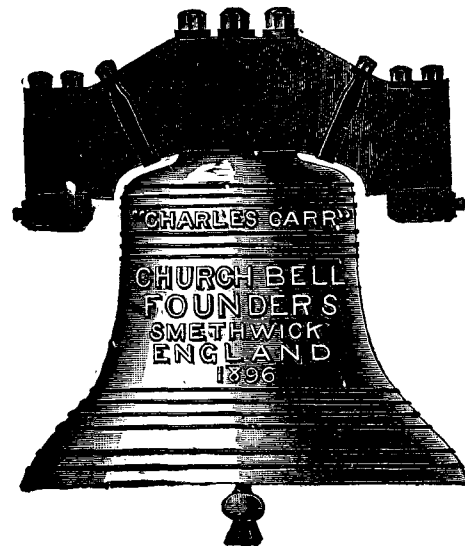
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